

St Mary's School, Mosgiel Newsletter



Mission Statement—St Mary's is a Catholic School dedicated to the provision of the highest quality primary education with a special emphasis of Catholic values and attitudes.

Term 3 Week 6

25th August 2009

Dear Parents/Caregivers and Friends of St Mary's School.

The senior part of our school is busy at the moment working on Oral Language - especially prepared speeches. Last week in Room Seven the topic was scripture reading and one of the pupils made an excellent job of reading the Parable of the Talents from Matthew's Gospel.

I always enjoy reading this parable because it reminds us that we all start off with things that we can do well, but not all of us appreciate our talents and even fewer of us make the most of them. To make the most of our talents we have to be prepared to risk getting something wrong, or at least not winning. Few politicians never lost an election, even fewer sportsman never lost a contest.

To be the best that you can be you must be prepared to take a risk, this is what we mean by the phrase 'risk taking' in our school vision.

As Rudyard Kipling said in his poem 'If' - "If you can make one heap of all of your winnings, and risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss, and lose, and start again at your beginnings, and never breathe a word about your loss then you will be a man my son".

Have a great week

Mike Brosnahan

Room 1 sorting out plastic!



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Netball last Saturday



Our Vision : Confident, reflective, risk-taking, lifelong learners in a Catholic School.

Curriculum

Religious Education –Sacrament Strand

Year 0-1 have Holiness as their focus: we are reminded of the Holiness of God through places, times, objects and rituals. Family/Whanau book pg 19.

Year 2 have Baptism as their focus and that like all sacraments Baptism is a time we encounter Christ in a special way. Family/Whanau book pg 22.

Year 3 have Forgiveness as their focus and that the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance restores our friendship with God. Family/Whanau book pg 25.

Year 4 are studying the Sacrament Strand in preparation for First Eucharist. Food for Life is their focus as they learn about the Eucharist Family/Whanau book pg 28.

Year 5 are learning that the Sacraments of Penance and the Anointing of the Sick bring people the graces of reconciliation, healing, strength and peace. Family/Whanau book pg 31.

Year 6 are learning that the seven Sacraments of the Church reveal Christ's presence because they bring new life, healing, strength and love to people. Family/Whanau book pg 34.

Years 7 & 8 have Commitment as their focus and are learning about the Rite of the Sacrament of Marriage and what we mean when we speak of Eucharist as Holy Communion. Family/Whanau bk pg 38

Sports Results:

Netball: St Mary's Yr7/8 Gold won against Fairfield
St Mary's Black won against Abbotsford 15/4

St Mary's Future Furns won against Elm Grove

Miniball

Monday Yr 3/4 Team won - to go into semifinals

Tuesday Team lost to Outram 32/4

Hockey

St Mary's lost to the Bavarians 4/0

Altar Servers Sunday 30th August

Quintin Petre, Shannon Crooks, & Jackson Sutherland-Ward

Thought for the Week ...

'We find in life exactly what we put into it'.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson

PTA News ...

School Disco 28th August

This Friday Night

Juniors – Years 1-4, 6– 7.30pm

– a parent or caregiver **must stay**, preschoolers are welcome to stay with a parent.

Seniors – Years 5-8 7.30 – 9pm.

For Sale - Glow Sticks – all \$2 each

Drinks \$1, Chips 50c small or \$1 lg size

Note: No children from other schools allowed.

Gold Coin Entry

Reflective Vests

Could **all children** have their vests at school on **Friday**. We are going to do a swap of sizes as we need some small ones for the new entrants. The older children will be issued with a larger size.

Vision Competition

Reminder: Entries close this Friday!!

Netball Prizegiving this weekend

Future Furns 10.15am Hyslop Hall

Junior Netball 12.15pm Hyslop Hall

Looking Ahead:August:

Wed 26th PTA Meeting 7pm

Fri 28th School Disco - see notice above

September:

Tues 1st Blues Assembly 12 midday - Hall

Wed 2nd Art Gallery Rms 1,2 & 4

Thurs 3rd Art Gallery Rms 3 & 5

Fri 4th Room 5 Assembly 2.20pm

Mon 7th Art Gallery Rm 7

Wed 9th Art Gallery Rm 6

9th/10th Parent/Teacher Interviews

Wed 16th BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Fri 18th Sept Room 4 Assembly 2.20pm

Sun 20th 9am Mass - First Communion